



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have passed their reading awards:

Alex S— Silver Oscar R— Topaz

Reading certificates will be presented shortly.

Weekly Update

This week all our new pupils have started and they have settled amazingly well. *Tapestry*, our online learning journey is a great way for parents to feel part of what is happening in school and the teachers will be busy uploading photos over the coming term. They are also organising a meeting for parents of children in Early Years to learn about phonics and how we teach reading in school, as well as special *Stay and Play* sessions where parents join their children in class to find out about our learning and have some fun by joining in.

We are starting to put together dates and events for this term and at the end of the newsletter is a list. We hope that this helps you plan ahead. Where possible we have given times but some of these will be confirmed once we have finalised the details. Of course these are COVID dependent but we wanted to be optimistic and look forward to a brighter future. Full details of each event will follow in due course.

During the course of this term we will be returning to some of our special events that parents and children value so much. We have just started key stage assemblies again and the children are learning to be part of a bigger group before we return to whole school assemblies and involve the Early Years children. So far they have behaved beautifully, listening attentively and respectfully. For me it has been wonderful to have the children in person, in front of me and not having to speak to them via zoom. We are pleased to announce that over the coming months each class will be preparing a special assembly to share their learning with parents. We will be keeping these small affairs so that we have adequate space and ventilation in the school hall and dates and invitations will follow shortly.

Today I have met with Mrs Hensman and Mrs Emmerson, who are co-chairs of the DPSA. We have set a date of Wednesday 13th Oct at 7.00pm for the DPSA annual general meeting in the school hall followed by a social event so that new parents can come and join us and get to know everyone. We hope you will join us. We have also put dates in the diary for the traditional events for the entire year, which made us feel quite excited to be getting back to normality.

On Monday after school the DPSA has organised a Bouncy Castle event which is a way of welcoming everyone back not just after the summer break but after the lifting of COVID restrictions. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. I know that many tickets have already been sold but these will also be available at the event. Please note that the children do need to be accompanied by an adult.

This Saturday the DPSA will represent the school at the Little Baddow Festival on the Sports Field from 1.00pm, and we hope families will be able to join them.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

On Monday 6th September Morrisons are launching 'It's Good to Grow' initiative and Danbury Park School has registered so that we can collect tokens to exchange for gardening equipment. The programme aims to encourage school children to get outdoors and get growing, helping them to understand where their food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables, in order to make healthier food choices now and in the future. We do have a school garden and we hope this year to get the children back involved with this activity this year.

To take part, customers just need to have a *My Morrisons* account and every time they swipe when they shop they'll collect **Grow Tokens**.

How does this work?

- Between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October for every £10 spent in store or online, customers will get 1 Grow Token which they can donate to their chosen school
 - Exclusions apply, including tobacco and fuel sales
- Customers will use their *My Morrisons* app or card when paying to collect their Grow Tokens
 - Token cannot be retrospectively added to a customers account
- Customers can select the school they'd like to donate their tokens to within their *My Morrisons* account
- From 1st November schools will be able to redeem their Grow Tokens against a wide variety of gardening equipment
- Schools will start receiving their order between the end of January and the end of March.

Please let friends and families know and support us!

Following last week's newsletter and information on Morrisons "It's Good to Grow" scheme, Jake's mum shared two pictures of him harvesting some of his crop this year.



She said that Jake is extremely proud of what he has achieved on a small plot and was keen to share these pictures with the school. He has for the first time grown carrots, potatoes, peas, runner beans and pumpkins. Tending the vegetables over the summer was fun but the best bit is the satisfactory reward of picking and eating them. Well done, Jake!

We have also started seeing some good results from our school garden and Mr Carmichael, who has been tending the plot, gathered tomatoes, potatoes and some squash this week.



Safeguarding

We have been asked to pass on this urgent safeguarding alert from Southend Police:

Our online safety experts have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called '**Monkey**', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as 'an alternative to *Omegle*, with a *TikTok* vibe'. Our online safety experts reviewed and tested this platform and have found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

What is Monkey?

- Monkey is an online video chat service that is similar to Omegle or Chat Roulette, with a TikTok style interface.
- Users can talk to strangers from all over the world via webcam.
- Once a conversation is finished, or one user wishes to leave the conversation or talk to someone else, they click 'next' and are presented with a new user who could be from anywhere in the world.
- Users are asked to select their gender before meeting people.

Age Rating?

- The **website** states that all users must be over 18, but there is zero age verification. Users only have to tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. **Google Play Age Rating:** Parental Guidance.
- The app is currently **only available** on Android devices.

Another Chance to hear from the 2 Johns

Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe? The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are pleased to present:

**Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with
Tuesday 14th September 2021
8.00pm –9.30pm**

These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021

To book a place now please call us on **0300 247 0014**
Monday –Friday 9am-5pm

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

COVID-19 Support

The Local Authority has updated their guidance and today with the newsletter you should have received their latest letter and flow chart to help parents know what to do in the case of your child having COVID or being a close contact.

The main clarification is that if your child is required by Test and Trace to take a PCR test because they have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID, they can still come to school whilst they await the result.

Children's Well-being



PHEW!

Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing



"I cannot stop worrying"
"I don't want to go to school"
"They don't seem very happy"
"They seem to be unable to cope with their emotions,
and I don't know how to help them"

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service are offering a 30 minute virtual appointment for you to discuss your current challenges and offer strategies to best support your child or young person's emotional wellbeing.

We can signpost you to online resources and recommend services that best support your child or young person's needs.



Last **Monday** of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays)
Appointments available throughout the day
Please contact 0300 247 0014 to book

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Services commissioned by:



School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for two years and we would like to boost the number of supporters in order to keep the prize fund level up and to maximise the donations to school.

The funds raised help us proceed with projects such as the EYFS outdoor area that otherwise we couldn't afford! We always have more that we want to do and now we would like to enhance our stocks of KS2 reading books and also Maths resources throughout the school.

Support our school and buy your chance to win here -

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/danbury-park-community-primary-school>



We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who over the years have donated their winnings back to the school. We are very grateful!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

1st Half Term: 2nd September – 21st October 2021 = 36 days at £2.25 = **£81.00**

2nd Half Term: 1st November – 17th December 2021 = 35 days at £2.25 = **£78.75**

Please pay monies for the rest of the term as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. Please note the change of payee as we now have our own bank account and no longer come under the ECC umbrella. **This change also means that meals should be paid for in advance and if possible for the whole half-term.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Our new online payment system for parents will be available shortly.

Midday Assistant Vacancies




We still have vacancies within our Midday Team including for a senior Midday Assistant. If you are interested in working with the children during the lunchtime period, please call into the office for an application form and more details.

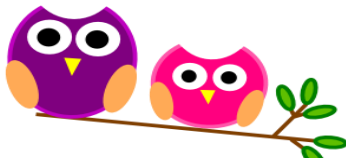
Notification and Reminders

Ink Pens – if you have provided your child with a Lamy pen to use in school, please could you ensure that they have sufficient ink cartridges as well. School has a stock of the smaller cartridges which fit the pens sold in the school office but we do **not** have the larger ones for Lamy or Parker pens.

Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

-  Year 4 & 5 – Swimming Lessons
-  Class B - Year 6 only – Permission to walk home from school form (Thur)
-  Year 5 – Pedestrian Training (Fri)



DPSA News



We hope your children enjoyed their first full week back at school and all the new children are settling in well! It's been a busy week for the DPSA and we hope to see you all in the coming weeks enjoying some of the events we have planned!

Dates for the diary 2021

- Saturday 11th September – Little Baddow Festival (tickets available online at <https://littlebaddowfestival.co.uk>)
- Monday 13th September (before 9am) – Bag2School
- Monday 13th September (after school) – Bouncy Castle Day
- Friday 24th September – School Disco

Little Baddow Festival – Saturday 11th September

This weekend Little Baddow will be hosting a traditional village fete including plenty of attractions to entertain all the family, including inflatables, Go Karts, dog show, luxury car show, dancing, music, food, beer and gin! The DPSA will also have their very own stall so please come along and say hello! Tickets are available at www.littlebaddowfestival.co.uk

Bag2School – Monday 13th September (before school)

Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties, soft toys, household linen, duvet covers, pillowcases, towels and curtains. If you've already filled your Bag2School bag, you may also use plain black bin bags or similar. Please bring to school on the day only and leave on the grass at the front of school by **9am**.

Bag2School can no longer collect school uniform however any good quality DP school uniform can be donated in the box at the school reception.

Bouncy Castle Day – Monday 13th September (after school)

Wristbands are still available for the DPSA Bouncy Castle Day after school on Monday 13th September in the school field. Wristbands are selling at £8 each on the day or discounted if you purchase in advance at £7.50 each / £14 for two / £20 for three.

Advance payments should be made directly to the following account but please remember to email dpsa2020@yahoo.com to let us know you've paid. Account Name: **Danbury Park School Association**; Sort Code **20-19-95**; Account Number: **03049310**; Reference: **Your child's name**. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring along friends and family!

Although this event is being held at the school, you will be required to stay with your children.

Adventure Island Vouchers Back on Sale!

We've had a huge demand for Adventure Island vouchers this summer and apologies to those who couldn't get them before they completely sold out. But we're pleased to announce wristband vouchers are **BACK ON SALE** at Danbury Co-op! Buy your DPSA Adventure Islands wristband vouchers from the main tills and save £5 per voucher on the internet price and £10 on the 'on the day' price!

DPSA Helpers WhatsApp Group

Whether you're a regular helper at DPSA events, would like to be involved in the future, or want to share experiences or skills, we have set up a DPSA WhatsApp group for anyone to join. The committee would love to hear your ideas on taking the DPSA forward, so if you would like to join, please email Georgie Moore at Georgie.dpsa@gmail.com including your mobile number.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

All DPSA news and events are regularly updated on our Facebook page @DanburyParkDPSA. Please click Follow to make sure you know what's happening and when.

**Have a good weekend
The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 13th September 2021

Week 3

Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Vegetable Nuggets	Garlic Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	White and Wholegrain Rice Peas Carrot Sticks	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Oaty Cookie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding or Cheddar Whirl	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs or Vegan meatballs both in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 13th September 2021

Mon 13th
3.15pm

Bag2School Collection
DPSA Bouncy Castle Welcome Back to School Event

Tues 14th
12.45pm

Year 4 Swimming

Weds 15th
12.45pm
2.50pm

Year 5 Swimming
Let's Present in classes

Thurs 16th

Fri 17th

Full term dates for the academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
September		
11 th		Little Baddow Festival
		Chelmsford High School for Girls 11+ tests
13 th	9.00am	DPSA Bag2School
	3.15pm	DPSA Bouncy Castle Welcome Back Event
14 th	9.30am	H&S Walk with governors
	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 1/5
15 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 2/5
18 th		Consortium 11+ tests
20 th		Consortium 11+ tests
21 st	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 2/5
22 nd	9.15am	Reading Meeting for EYFS parents
22 nd	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 2/5
23 rd	7.00pm	Full Governing Body meeting
24 th		Year 5 Pedestrian Safety Activities
	6.00 – 7.00pm	KS1 DPSA School Disco
	7.15 – 8.30pm	KS2 DPSA School Disco
28 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 3/5
29 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 3/5
October		
4 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
5 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 4/5
6 th		Individual School Photos
6 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 4/5
7 th	4.30pm tbc	Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
12 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 5/5
13 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 5/5
	7.00pm	DPSA AGM – all welcome
19 th	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
21 st	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
22 nd		School closed for staff training
25 th – 29 th		Half-term break
November		
3 rd	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents

4 th	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
8 th	9.15 – 10.00am	Class Jay Stay and Play
9 th	1.45pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
11 th	7.00pm	Governor Training
12 th	9.15 – 10.00am	Class Jay Stay and Play
16 th	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
19 th		Children in Need
Week beg 29 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
4 th	tbc	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 th	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 th	1.45pm & 6.00pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
17 th	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2022		
8 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes